cle) from its Mahendragiri Centre at Nagarcoil in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the cost involved; and

(c) whether there is any plan to make use of the same for defence, keeping in mind the threats posed by Pakistan, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) ISRO has recently conducted a successful test of the earth storable propellant engine for the strap-on stage of Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) and not a cryogenic engine.

(b) This test is part of the development tests planned for the GSLV programme. The Cost of the consumables during the test is about Rs. 125.00 lakhs.

(c) Indian space programme is meant for peaceful uses only.

Group D Post Vacancies in AIIMS

2384. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of vacancies in various categories in group D posts have been lying vacant which are to be filled up through direct recruitment in All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchanges in the categories of Khallasi, Nursing Attendant and other similar categories have been awaiting in queue for their interviews/selection since long; and

(c) if so, upto which specific date all selection formalities will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c) Nominations for the posts of Hospital Attendant, Cleamer and Khallasi have been received from the Employment Exchange and are under process for selection. It is expected that selection process may be completed by the end of October, 1995. Nominations for some other categories of posts are awaited from Employment Exchange.

Extension of Deputation Period

2385. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of the procedure followed while extending the period of delutationist-officers by the Instrumentalities of the Government of India of the ranks of Deputy Secretary and above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): The posts at the level of Deputy Secretary and above in various Ministries/Departments are filled up under the Central Staffing Scheme. Normally, extension of period of tenure of an officer appointed under the Central Staffing Scheme is not allowed. However, in exceptional cases, depending upon the merit of each case, extension of tenure, is considered with the approval of the appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

Funds provided to up Under Malaria Eradication Programme

2386. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the funds provided to UP during the year 1993-94 under National Malaria Eradication Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): During 1993-94, Central Assistance to the extent of Rs. 969.46 lakhs has been provided to Governemnt of Uttar Pradesh in the form of Insecticides, anti-malarieal drugs etc.

Setting Up of Boards/Selection Committees for Recruitment

2387. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the Ministries/Departments which have set up independent Boards/Selection Committees for the purpose of selection and recruitment of various posts;

(b) whether there is any norm laid down by Government or by the Ministries themselves for the appointment of a person belonging to the minority community on these Boards/Selection Committees;

(c) if so, which of these Recrutiment Boards/Selection Committees arc represented by the minority community; and

(d) if the reply to part (b) be in the negative, whether Governemnt propose to consider the question of making it mandatory for the Ministries/Departments to appoint a person beloging to the minority community on the Boards/Selection Committees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) Recruitment to Group 'A' and 'B' posts is mostly done through the UPSC and to Gropup 'C through the Staff Selection Commission. Wherever recruitment is done by Ministries/Departments for Group 'C posts within their purview and for recruitment to Group 'D' posts, a Selection Commitee is constituted. Where recruitment is on a large scale like in Railways, independent Recruitment Boards are set up. Instructions have already been issued to the effect that wherever a Selection Committe/ Board exists or has to be constituted for making recruitment to 10 or more vacancies in Group 'C or Group 'D' posts/serviecs, it shall be mandatory to have one member belonging to the Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Classes and one member belonging to the minority Community in such Committees/ Boards. Further, one of the members of the Selection Committee/Board, whether from the general category or from the Minority community or from SC/ST/ OBC, should be a lady failing which a lady memebr should be coopted on the Committee/Board . The member from the SC/ST/OBC, and minority community will be from within the overall sanctioned strength of the Selection Committee/ Board which is constituted with the departmental officers of appropriate status and background, keeping in view the nature of the posts for which recruitment is to be made.

Polling the resources of PSUs

2388. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a necessity to pool together the resources of PSUs in a particular area to take up a particular project as part of the social obligation;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this direction; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Under their articles of Association, the public sector undertakings enjoy full autonomy in regard to identification & implementation of social obligation. The Public sector undertakings arc, therefor, free to pool together the resources to take up social welfare projects.